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## STATUTES PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC

**71-177. Chiropractic practice, defined.** For purposes of the Uniform Licensing Law, the practice of chiropractic is defined as being one or a combination of the following, without the use of drugs or surgery: (1) The diagnosis and analysis of the living human body for the purpose of detecting ailments, disorders, and disease by the use of diagnostic X-ray, physical and clinical examination, and routine procedures including urine analysis; or (2) the science and art of treating human ailments, disorders, and disease by locating and removing any interference with the transmission and expression of nerve energy in the human body by chiropractic adjustment, chiropractic physiotherapy, and the use of exercise, nutrition, dietary guidance, and colonic irrigation. The use of X-rays beyond the axial skeleton shall be solely for diagnostic purposes and shall not expand the practice of chiropractic to include the treatment of human ailments, disorders, and disease not permitted when the use of X-rays was limited to the axial skeleton.

Source: Laws 1927, c. 167, §76, p. 474; C.S. 1929, §71-1101; Laws 1983, LB 142, §1; Laws 1990, LB 348, §1. Effective date July 10, 1990.

**71-178. Chiropractic; practice; persons excepted.** Section 71-177 shall not be construed to include the following classes of persons: (1) Licensed physicians and surgeons and licensed osteopathic physicians who are exclusively engaged in the practice of their respective professions; (2) physicians of the United States Army, Navy, or Public Health Service when acting in the line of duty in this state; (3) chiropractors licensed in another state when incidentally called into this state in consultation with a chiropractor licensed in this state; or (4) students enrolled in an accredited college of Chiropractic when the services performed are a part of the course of study and are under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

Source: Laws 1927, c. 167, §77, p. 474; C.S. 1929, §71-1102; Laws 1989, LB 342, §14; Laws 1990, LB 1064, §12. Effective date April 8, 1990.

**71-179. Chiropractic; license; qualifications required.** Every applicant for a license to practice chiropractic shall (1) present proof of graduation from an accredited college of chiropractic and (2) pass an examination which consists of the following components: (a) Parts I and II of the examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners; (b) the written Clinical Competency Test given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and (c) the practical examination given by the Board of Chiropractic.

Source: Laws 1927, c. 167, § 78, p. 475; C.S.1929, § 71-1103; R.S.1943, § 71-179; Laws 1965, c. 413, § 1, p. 1321; Laws 1975, LB 92, § 2; Laws 1988, LB 1100, § 29; Laws 1999, LB 828, § 65. Effective date August 28, 1999.

**71-179.01. Chiropractic; license; renewal; continuing competency requirements.** Each Nebraska-licensed chiropractor in active practice within the State of Nebraska shall, on or before August 1 of every even-numbered year, complete continuing competency activities as required by the Board of Chiropractic pursuant to section 71-161.09 as a prerequisite for the licensee's next subsequent license renewal.

Source: Laws 1959, c. 319, § 1, p. 1168; Laws 1985, LB 250, § 7; Laws 1986, LB 926, § 40; Laws 1999, LB 828, § 66; Laws 2002, LB 1021, § 16. Operative date January 1, 2003.

**71-180. Accredited college of chiropractic, defined.** An accredited college of chiropractic within the meaning of the Uniform Licensing Law shall be (1) one which is recognized by the department upon the recommendation of the Board of Chiropractic, (2) a legally chartered college of chiropractic requiring for admission a diploma from an accredited high school or its equivalent and, beginning with students entering a college of chiropractic on or after January 1, 1974, at least two years credit from an accredited college or university of this or some other state, which requirement shall be regularly published in each prospectus or catalog issued by such institution, (3) one which conducts a clinic for patients in which its students are required to regularly participate in the care and adjustment of patients, (4) one giving instruction in anatomy, orthopedics, physiology, embryology, chemistry, pathology, health ecology, bacteriology, symptomatology, histology, spinal analysis, diagnosis, roentgenology, neurology, and principles and practice of chiropractic, and (5) one requiring an actual attendance for four college years totaling not less than four thousand hours.

Source: Laws 1927, c. 167, § 79, p. 475; C.S.1929, § 71-1104; R.S.1943, § 71-180; Laws 1945, c. 163, § 1, p. 528; Laws 1973, LB 115, § 1; Laws 1996, LB 1044, § 405; Laws 1999, LB 828, § 67. Effective date August 28, 1999.

**71-180.01 to 71-180.05. Repealed.** Laws 1988, LB 1100, §185.

**71-181. Reciprocal licensing; when authorized.** The Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure may in its discretion dispense with the examination in case of a chiropractor duly authorized to practice chiropractic in any other state, territory, or the District of Columbia, maintaining standards established by law or by duly authorized rules, equal to those of Nebraska, and who presents a certificate or license based on written examination issued by the proper authority of such other state, territory, or the District of Columbia.

Source: Laws 1927, c. 167, §80, p. 475; C.S. 1929, §71-1105; R.S. 1943, §71-181; Laws 1996, LB 1044, §406.  
Operative date January 1, 1997.

**71-182. Chiropractic practitioner; powers and duties.** Chiropractic practitioners shall observe and be subject to all state and municipal laws and regulations relative to the control of contagious and infectious diseases, and all matters pertaining to public health. They shall report to the proper health officers the same as other practitioners. Chiropractic practitioners may sign death certificates. When performing acupuncture, a chiropractor licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law shall provide the same standard of care to patients as that provided by a person licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathy, or osteopathic medicine and surgery when such person performs acupuncture.

Source: Laws 1927, c. 167, § 81, p. 475; C.S.1929, § 71-1106; R.S.1943, § 71-182; Laws 1945, c. 164, § 1, p. 529; Laws 2001, LB 270, § 15. Effective date September 1, 2001.